

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in this case. By this paper, claim 15 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-14 and 16-28 remain in the application for consideration by the Examiner.

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121. Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-14 and 16-28. Accordingly, claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice. This election is made without traverse.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also alleged that the application contains the following distinct species for step (c); (1) hydrocracking/hydroisomerization, (2) catalytic dewaxing, (3) thermal cracking, and (4) catalytic cracking.

By this paper, Applicants elect the species of Group III (3) thermal cracking. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 14, 16, 20-21, and 27 are believed to be generic to all of the species. Claims 9, 11-13 and 22 are specifically directed to the elected species. Accordingly, all of these claims remain in the application for consideration at this time. Claims 4-6, 10, 17-19, 23-26 and 28 have been withdrawn as being directed to non-elected species. However, Applicants request that these claims be considered on the allowance of a generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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